

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Federal Public Defender District of Maine

The District of Maine has been authorized to open a Federal Public Defender's office in Portland. The United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit is accepting applications for the position of Federal Public Defender for the District of Maine. The term of appointment is four years with an annual salary of \$140,300.00.

The Federal Public Defender provides federal criminal defense to individuals unable to afford counsel. The Defender will hire and supervise a staff of two attorneys, one located in Portland, the other in Bangor. The Defender is also authorized to hire two support persons in Portland and one support person in Bangor. Further, the Defender will be responsible for providing a resource and training to the panel of lawyers who take indigent federal appointments.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

(1) Be admitted to practice before the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; (2) have a minimum of seven years criminal trial experience, preferably with significant federal trial experience, which demonstrates an ability to provide zealous representation of consistently high quality to criminal defendants; (3) have the experience and ability to effectively administer the office; (4) have a reputation for integrity; (5) have a commitment to the representation of those unable to afford counsel; and (6) be available to commence employment on or before October 1, 2005.

In applying for the position of Federal Public Defender for the District of Maine, all applicants should be aware that the Federal Public Defender's Office will serve not only as a traditional law office representing individual defendants, but also as a resource center for all practicing federal defense attorneys. It is envisioned that the office will provide regularly scheduled training programs for defense counsel and will serve as a source of advice and counsel to all defense attorneys both on an individual and a group basis. The Federal Public Defender will also be expected to work with other federal defenders locally and nationally, to coordinate common strategies for dealing with evolving issues in federal criminal law. All applicants should have a demonstrated commitment to indigent criminal defense and an ability to work with people of diverse cultural backgrounds.

A Merit Screening Committee will screen all applications to find the best qualified person presently available for this position.

An application form may be obtained from the Circuit's website at www.ca1.uscourts.gov or by calling, writing, or faxing a request to:

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Completed applications must be received no later than July 1, 2005. Employment is contingent upon a successful FBI background check. Applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, age, gender, religion, ethnicity, national origin or disability.